

REMARKS

In response to the office action dated February 28, 2007, Applicants are amending claims 1, 2, 7, 11, 13, 19, 20 and 23. This includes the independent claims, which are claims 1, 7, 11, 13, 19 and 23. As such, claims 1-24 are pending. It is submitted that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

First, the independent claims are being amended to more specifically recite that a navigation menu has multiple navigation options to different pages, and that each of the navigation options corresponds to a visual configuration of the navigation menu. Support for these amendments is found throughout the present disclosure, for example in the description of Figure 7. There, it is described that a selection of the “Books” navigation option 70 and then the “Best Sellers” navigation option 72 causes the navigation menu 48 to have the appearance shown in page 50a. Specification page 13, line 10—page 15, line 12. Navigation (by hyperlink 86, and not directly using the navigation menu 48) causes the navigation menu 48 to assume the appearance shown in portal page 50b, also in Figure 7. There, the navigation menu 48 is shown to include an “Orders” navigation option 74 and a “Recent Orders” navigation option 76. Thus, in page 50b, the “Orders” and “Recent Orders” navigation options are selected to match the page navigated to using the hyperlink, in the described example. Similarly, in Figure 8, the requested navigation is to an unregistered page so the navigation menu displays “Other” and “Default” options. Specification page 15:13—17:2. Minor informalities are being corrected in some dependent claims.

Second, independent claims 11 and 23 are being amended to recite how the portal navigation service can operate. Particularly, it is recited that, upon receipt of a request that includes a service name, the portal navigation service is configured to identify the generated portal page by performing a query using the requested service name. Support for this amendment is found throughout the present disclosure, for example in the description of Figure 7, where it is described that when a web page request is sent to the portal server, the portal navigation service queries the object repository 34 using the object type 58 to determine if any

target web page included in the web portal provides the object/service being requested.

Specification page 14:9-24. No new matter is added.

Claims 2, 10 and 20 were objected to because of lacking antecedent basis. Applicants are amending these claims along the lines discussed in the office action and request that the rejections be removed.

Claims 1-24 were rejected under § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Levine et al. (The Internet for Dummies, 7th Ed.)(“Levine”). This rejection is rendered moot by the above amendments, but Applicants are not conceding that the rejection has merit. Nevertheless, Applicants will point to differences between the present subject matter and Levine.

Applicants' claims are directed to methods and computer program products. Each of the independent claims recites that a navigation menu has multiple navigation options to different pages, and that each of the navigation options corresponds to a visual configuration of the navigation menu. Independent claims 1 and 13 are directed to an operation where the requested navigation is to a registered page (e.g., one for which the navigation menu will show the “Orders” and “Recent Orders” options). Independent claims 7 and 19 are directed to an operation where the requested navigation is to an unregistered page (e.g., one for which the navigation menu will show the “Other” and “Default” options). Independent claims 11 and 23, finally, are directed to generating a portal page that can be identified by a portal navigation service compatible with the navigation menu just described.

Levine, in contrast, does not describe any navigation menu that has multiple options and where each option corresponds to a visual configuration of the navigation menu. The portions of Levine cited in this regard disclose a web site (Levine Figures 8-1 and 8-2) where the user can click on a link from one page to another. It follows that Levine does not disclose the “emulat[ion]” of a selection of one of the multiple navigation options as recited in present independent claims 1, 7, 13 and 19. As such, it cannot be said that Levine anticipates or renders obvious these claims or their respective dependent claims.

Moreover, Levine also does not describe any portal navigation service that works with portal pages as recited in independent claims 11 and 23. The portions of Levine cited in this

regard disclose storing web pages with links, a web server and the uploading of a page for publication (Levine pages 154, 155, 159 and 161). It follows that Levine does not disclose the registration of the portal page with a portal navigation service configured to perform a query for the portal page using the name of a service included in the portal page as recited in these independent claims. As such, it cannot be said that Levine anticipates or renders obvious these claims or their respective dependent claims.

Conclusion

Claims 1-24 as amended are believed to be in condition for allowance.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

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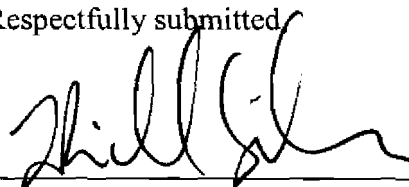
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